

A NOVEL PLAN.

CO-OPERATIVE HOMES FOR SINGLE WOMEN.

A Valuable Hint from the Shaker Communities—How Women May Secure Homeownership, Employment and Enjoy Life's Comforts.

Shirley Dare in the November issue of the Cosmopolitan, has a notable article entitled, "A Brighter Hope for Women." The argument of the article is for the application of the cooperative principle of the convent to secure homes for women. She begins by saying that the abundant opportunities for education that women now have, are largely nullified by the difficulties which attend the finding of a place where they can live. When, after having secured the training, they attempt to put it to practical purpose in earning their living. They find that all avenues of labor are over-crowded, that in endeavoring to dispose of their work, single-handed, they are continually the prey of sharpers; having no capital, they cannot improve the quality of their work and wait for rewards, and the increased expense of living in cities—the only place where they find any market for their work—makes life for them one long struggle for the bare privilege of existence. Add to this the lack of the one great essential to woman's happiness, protection, and we have, according to this writer, in the cultivated woman who earns her own living, the most pitiable object on earth.

For the remedy for this state of things our writer goes back to the medieval times and takes the conventual idea. This gave women the advantage of protection and all the good that cannot but come from associated effort. She calls to mind the communities of later times as additional examples of the value of cooperation. These associations have generally had a religious idea for a basis, but this is not essential and the business success of the Shaker communities prove wherein the primary advantage of the working community can be secured. The idea of the old convent, therefore, it is proposed to embody in "Country Homes for Women."

"The plan," says Mrs. Power, "is simple, but comprehensive. A dwelling-house, with dormitories, studios, and workshops, gardens, orchard and green-house, poultry yard and apiary, is to become the home of dependent women of good behavior, refinement and intelligence. There they will be received and trained in such crafts as they prove best fitted for—gardening, fruit-raising, book-binding, preserving, and confectionery, fine printing and binding, or more familiar works of the needle and decorative art; those strictly unable to pay for board and training at the very low rates, giving their services in return. When trained, to cancel the debt. This opens the door for some of the ablest who are also the poorest in purse."

"But the home is not designed for a mere training-school, but a home for life for women who desire its shelter, and can either pay for it or give a certain amount of work in return. It offers training of a sort not easily found by women, especially in light handicrafts, shelters the needy pupil while teaching her, taking her finished services in payment, and afterward still offers such a home and certain aid of support as most women dream of and never find, if she chooses to remain and pay for it in work or money, at the lowest cost."

"A girl or woman of uncertain age, without income, as yet untrained to business of any sort, presents herself; just two conditions are required—good behavior of a sort to be acceptable to other ladies, and willingness to work. She finds a quiet, attractive country house, no, at all like an institution, near a rural station, in easy reach of city lessons, markets and salesrooms. She has a room with closet, simply and comfortably fitted, well ventilated and warmed in winter. The large sitting-room and dining-room are what they would be in a well-ordered family—charming as artistic taste can make inexpensive furnishing, with windows full of flowers, and telling decorative touches. A choice library and music are matters of course; a resident doctor is not so often found, though necessary in a household of women. Little studios are shared by artists, a sunny workshop by painters, easements, planing-bench, lathe and joiners' tools ranking as much a studio as any of them, and one of the most profitable."

All the excellent appliances of modern invention will be in the kitchen of this model house, not only for training purposes, but to make the management of the institution as easy as possible. There is also a garden attached, where supplies for the home are grown, and where women who desire can have training in horticulture and vegetable gardening. The idea is, that with all these opportunities, any woman can readily find the work she is best fitted for here, and get herself to learn it. Nor is she turned off with her new-found craft to peddle her work as best she may, unused to buying or selling, with the chance of starving over her unsold ware. The work, of course, of quality, is taken at a fixed value, and credited against her board and clothing, which, if desired, is supplied at cost. Some of this work to be done by the girl or woman three months' to three years' training in classes, and then throw her out in a world of difficulties and dishonesties to struggle or sink as she may. The human being cannot be finished off in any class course for the conduct of life, and the protective aims to do thoroughly what various systems do timidly. It really often seems as if the societies for the benefit of women were afraid of doing as much good as they might. The protective will train women not by hasty class lessons, but by the daily, hourly supervision and working with the teacher, which is the only training worth the name. It lends the sagacity of experienced brains to the beginner in her small business venture with the world, and when fairly started, if she chooses to remain in its shelter, paying with her work or her money as is convenient, it is her home, as far as any roof can be that is not her own or her father's house. If she finds in herself spirit and aptness for independence, with an opening for her talents in the common ways, she goes freely, leaving and taking a blessing.

"The great thing, in the new plan,

which is not to be lost sight of, and which guards against all weakening of moral fiber is that benefits are to be scrupulously paid for in money or work, and that of no indifferent sort. Such a house is the last place where a friable, or viewless, or unscrupulous will find itself at home. It is possible that such a one, seeing the pleasure of well-ordered, busy lives would be ashamed of her uselessness and take life in earnest. It is more than likely that a serene, healthful existence, with steady, not burdensome, duties would cure meager souls of their vapors and hysterical tendencies, and bring women to a saner, sweeter experience than their present ideals.

"If such a protective offers women more for their labor than they can receive in any other way, it is no more than can be carried out by wise administration. Country homes, giving women the benefit of pure air, in reach of the city for business advantages, cost one-tenth that the same accommodation would in town. The gardens offer the best work for many women, especially school-teachers desiring change of occupation, and it is the suggestion of a worn-out teacher that gave prominence to this part of the scheme.

"Careful estimates for buildings, cost of living and instruction prove that twenty-five women and over can be provided with the best training and every comfort essential to a refined person, including medical care in common ailments, for less than \$300 a year. No woman alone can command such advantages for twice the sum, and when this is paid, not by her unassisted earnings alone, but by her saleable work, the assurance of comfort and shelter is beyond price. The protective desires to assure women that whosoever will work shall eat and share the good of the land. No institution fare is contemplated, but a scale of living that will compare with that of the best women's colleges. Good living in every sense is the foundation idea of these country communities for women.

"This is no mere fancy sketch. A

convening in its real meaning, without rigor, whose piety betrays itself in good works, a community where personal rights are sacred and distinct, are things not impossible in this age of the world. Nor is the world without notable thrills which yet mark the angles of its stair-cases with flowers and delicate in soft colors and dainty linen sweet with lavender; which can be generous as well as frugal in the right place. Nor is it wanting in that essence of ladyhood and Christianity that makes it possible even for women to live together, not in any strained pretense of homes or sisterhoods, but in the courtesy, fairness and honor which knits strangers together and gives the only true home feeling after we leave our mother's knee. Is humanity, is womanhood, too poor for such community of needs and hopes?"

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

A Great Scheme.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—[To the Editor of THE TIMES.] Every once in awhile reports reach us from far-off New Zealand that that country is being eaten up by rabbits, and that so far all exertions and great expenses to abate the nuisance have proven unavailing. The New Zealanders have tried traps, powder, cold poison, and others means to rid themselves of the pest. Still the rabbits hold the fort, and, more, keep on increasing, and are even driving off the farmers with their stock, and everything else. Their government has spent large amounts to induce the settlers to rid themselves of the pest, without success, and I understand, has offered a large reward for the discovery of "ways and means" to accomplish the desired object. I have no hopes of receiving any reward, though that would come in good time and place, but if our neighbors in the great Pacific would agree and guarantee to pay all expenses I would guarantee that we could put them on the track of "how to do away with rabbits," by the way so many.

The money being considerable, I would insert in your valued, wide and well-spread paper, an advertisement in good "phat" type, equaling some of your real estate "ads," as follows:

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J. B. H.

Too Risky a Risk.

[Our Society Journal.] "I'd like to write you a policy in our non-refundable, non-assessable, double-jointed security company," observed an insurance agent to a stranger.

"Well, I don't know," replied the latter.

"But you should think of your wife and family. If anything should happen—"

"All right; go ahead with your policy."

"Thanks. Your name, business and age, please."

"Dickson Jones, base-ball umpire, age 31."

"Oh, er—excuse me—I'm sorry, but I'm afraid I can't stay any longer just now. Good-bye."

Welcoming a New-Comer in the West. [Bradford News.]

The first white baby was born in South Sioux City, Neb., the other day, and the citizens went wild over the event. The new-comer was serenaded by the inhabitants in a body, and was presented with the freedom of the city and a choice corner lot. The effects East offers no such inducements to matrimony. Let babies and corner lots be the motto of the coming man and woman.

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A. K. POMEROY,

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December 6, 1887.

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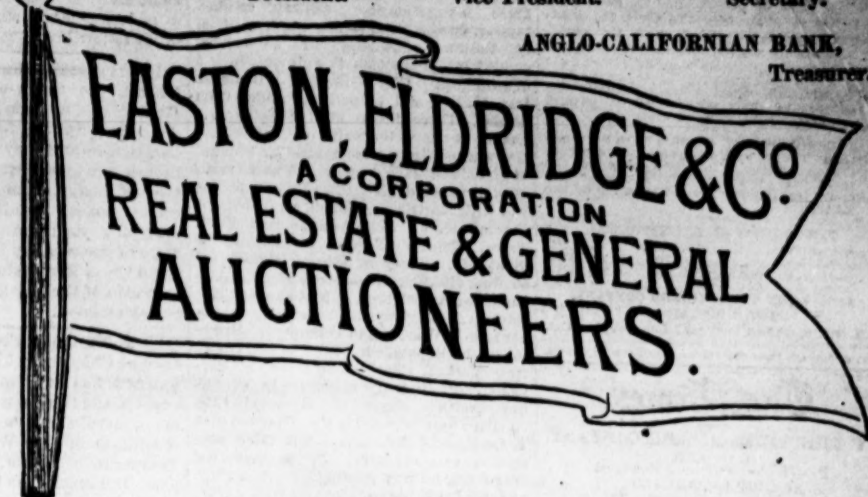
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Every street leads from the most valuable part of the city, and the tract itself is within four short blocks of the new postoffice site and the very heart of Los Angeles. We have never before had the pleasure of offering so fine a piece of property to the public in the whole twenty years of our real estate experience, and we personally recommend this tract to all of our friends and acquaintances, feeling sure they will double their money in 6 months.

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OUR ANNUAL TRADE NUMBER.

The Annual Trade Number of THE TIMES, to be issued January 1, 1888, will be a paper of sixteen large folio pages (instead of thirty-two small quarto pages, as originally announced), with a guaranteed circulation of 30,000 copies. It will be devoted to the progress of Southern California during the year drawing to a close, and will give a general résumé of the resources and advantages of this portion of the State. It will be a meaty production in the matter of facts presented, and will also contain a number of illustrations.

Advertisements and business reading notices, to secure insertion in this number, must be in hand early, as the work of printing the first forms has already begun. An agent of THE TIMES will wait upon business men and solicit their favors.

STATISTICS OF BUILDING.

In the Annual Trade Number of THE TIMES, to be issued January 1, 1888, it is desired to present as full statistics as possible of the building operations in Los Angeles during the year now drawing to a close. Unfortunately, there is no official record of these new structures, as the city government has no superintendent of buildings. The lists furnished by the architects comprehend only the more important edifices and are notably incomplete. THE TIMES therefore appeals directly to owners and builders, requesting that each furnish a concise statement of any building or buildings erected for him, or by him, during the year. The statement should embrace the following facts:

1. Owner's name.
2. Character of building, whether of brick or stone, residence or business house.
3. Number of stories.
4. Number of apartments.
5. Cost and location.

It is for the interest of all that an adequate showing be made of this phase of the city's progress, and we therefore request the cooperation of all who have had to do with house-building.

The lists should be left at the TIMES, office or forwarded through the mail before December 10th.

The holiday trade beats everything ever before seen in Los Angeles, and our merchants are reaping a big harvest.

Chicago is on the lucky list. She is going to get gas at 50 cents per thousand feet. There's everything in being born lucky.

The past season in the Yosemite is reported the best for the hotel men there ever was experienced there. The number of tenderfeet who entered there and left home behind must have been unusually large.

The prospects are for another storm. More rain is needed and will be welcome. The outlook for the farmer thus far is encouraging. With plenty of rain and good crops, Southern California will outstrip all her past records of progress the coming year.

WATCHING the irrepressible tide of immigration in this direction, the Florida Weekly Times sadly exclaims: "California's confidence game is winning again this season, owing to causes over which we have no control." California's "confidence game" consists in the widespread confidence felt in her all over the country. And that's what's the matter with Florida.

MR. BREED, the outgoing president of the Council, took leave of the chair and his fellows in a few appropriate words, in which he justly claimed that the outgoing Council will stand the test of comparison with any previous efficient presiding officer, and is "a good Injun" on general principles.

The colored men of Chicago are making progress, intellectually, in a way that will make them anything but mere tools in the hands of the Democratic party. They have a library containing more than 400 books; four large rooms, nicely furnished, including, among other things, a fine piano, belonging to the institution, and their books show that over 15,000 colored men have availed themselves of the privileges which the library affords, since its opening last May. Multiply such institutions at the South, and there would be no surer means of diminishing the Democratic majority in that section.

FOUR OF THE MORNING NEWS.

Discovery of a plot to rob and murder a business man. Editor Irish writes a letter to the National Association, denouncing D. M. Delmas and Zach Montgomery. A Mexican town sacked by Berna's band. The French Ministry make a formal announcement of their policy. Damages for slander awarded at Colma. San Diego Chinamen arrested for illegal fishing. Senator Stewart's plan for settling the coinage question. A bill introduced in Congress for licensing railway conductors. The Robinson murder trial at Boston. Powderly in a critical condition. Sensational episode in a Washington City theater. Immense loss of life and property in China from floods. Proceedings of the Senate. Death of Gov. Bodwell, of Maine. A Georgia murderer to be hanged. Funeral of Mrs. John Jacob Astor. The Russian official press denies that Russia desires war with Austria. Dimmik arraigned for the murder of Benhayon at San Francisco. Central Pacific to declare a dividend. Henry S. Ives arraigned for stealing \$100,000. Address before the Alabama Bar Association. Riot at a Mexican election. Railways to charge only 4 cents per mile in Washington Territory. Opening of the Republic Club Convention at New York. Copper discovered in Vermont. Preliminary examination of Editor Smith's slayer at Redwood City. Plan for reorganizing the Houston and Texas Central Railroad. The labor convention at Baltimore. Preparations for the coming railway celebrations. A Philadelphia bank robbed.

"Line Upon Line."

"Line upon line and precept upon precept" is sometimes a good rule to adhere to, particularly when discussing matters pertaining to the general good of the public. The complaints which are continually being made in regard to the high and constantly advancing rents in this city suggest a few words more upon this subject, so important to the continued growth and prosperity of Los Angeles. The generally-accepted business axiom that "prices should be regulated by the demand" is not always a wise principle to be governed by. The demand for houses to rent is just now greater than the supply here in Los Angeles, and rents have in consequence rapidly advanced, until comfortable and convenient cottages, such as are occupied by the well-to-do at the East, are now beyond the reach of any but the wealthy. When people who have houses to rent ask from \$50 to \$70 and \$75 per month for ordinary six and seven-room cottages they are demanding a price that the industrial portion of the community, those who are only fairly well off, cannot afford to pay. They are also demanding a percentage upon their investments such as they would never think of demanding for cash loans, a rate of interest that would, if general in any community, paralyze all business and destroy all commercial prosperity.

This taking undue advantage of the necessities of people is not a good thing for the general public welfare. The idea of taking all that it is possible to get is not a wise plan of action. People object to being bled, and if this bleeding process is kept up it will have a tendency to retard our future prosperity. Thirty, \$40, \$50 or \$60 for a furnished room may fill the purse of the room-renter very rapidly for a few months, but the result will be a little later, no demand for rooms at any price, consequently a general loss in the net result in the end.

This craze to make money rapidly, to get the most that is possible out of the "boom," is not a healthy state of feeling. There are other and more important things to be considered. First of all, we should not lose sight of that which will give permanency to our prosperity. If we will deal honestly and justly with those who come here to make homes with us, there is no reason why the prosperous growth which we are now witnessing should not continue. All of the conditions which have induced our wonderful advance still continue, and there will be nothing to check this advance but our own folly. But if the industrial classes who come to Los Angeles, the tradesmen and merchants and the business men generally, men not of large means, but only with a comfortable competency, find here rents so high that pleasant and desirable homes are beyond their reach, they will look to other sections of the State, where a better condition of things prevails. But what will our community do without them? It is not upon the rich man and the capitalist alone that prosperous communities depend. The bone and sinew of our growth must always be looked for among the middle classes. They are as necessary to the upbuilding of community as the blood is to the life of the body. We must not drive away those who keep our industries from languishing, who are active in business, who are full of enterprise and public spirit, but who are lacking in abundant wealth. Los Angeles should be a place where any honest, industrious and energetic man can prosper and secure a home; where he can live without being compelled to expend all of his earnings for food and shelter for his family; where he can lay by enough to build his own home, and become fully identified with the progress of the city. Let these things be considered by our people before killing the goose which lays the golden egg.

Let not the day for laying sewer and other pipes be put off until the streets are all paved, and so make it necessary to tear up the paving, and thus needlessly increase the expense of city improvements, says Mr. Humphreys, the new President of the Council. This is sound advice.

SOME of the bondsmen of El Hamrion, the absconder, are willing to pay up and be released; others object to fulfilling their obligations. "Twas ever thus!"

WHEN the business of electing officers for the new Council was about to be projected upon the municipal stage in August assemblage gathered yesterday, they say that one of the

brethren appeared upon the scene ragged out in garments of gorgeous hue, having conceived the curious idea that presidential honors were to be thrust upon him with energy and dispatch by his fellow statesmen. Being a modest and retiring man, when the election of president came on, this budding and blushing statesman retired from the Council chamber, in order that the business might be done with due decorum and without embarrassment to himself. He came back after awhile, a sadder and a wiser man. "The other fellow" had "got there."

In his speech before the Council yesterday, the newly-elected president, Humphreys, went to the core of things when he intimated to his fellow-members that he and they should not permit themselves to relapse into the occupation of heavy sitting around on dry-goods boxes, trading jack-knives, swapping yarns, and discussing the state of the country from the Confederate Cross Roads standpoint, while the interests of the city are left to suffer. So far so good.

THE National Prohibition Conference at Chicago, which has just adjourned, has left some troublesome legacies to the third party managers. One is a quarrel over the woman suffrage resolution of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which failed to pass, and another is the unsatisfactory basis of representation, by which, for instance, Mississippi will have as many delegates to the national convention as Kansas. The third party is not large enough to afford the luxury of faction fights.

A QUESTION is raised as to the eligibility of one of the successful candidates on the Board of Freeholders. Brer Potts (the ex-proprietor), who is on the keen scent for a possible vacancy, claims that, in order to be eligible, the candidate must have been an elector for five years preceding his election, and that such is not the case with one of the members-elect, the date of his registration being August 25, 1884.

JOHN F. HUMPHREYS has been made President of the City Council, and the election was no mistake, if we judge the man right. He is an up-and-up man, full of business. His brief speech, on taking the chair yesterday, showed vim and vigor, and is a good starter for him in his career as the head of the municipal legislature.

It is stated that the emigration from Canada to California this year will exceed that of all the past five years combined. It is simply immense, and the contrast between the two countries is about as wide as it can be climatically, with the whole balance in favor of California, as the tenderfoot from that section is not slow to discover.

THE Soldiers' Home is lost to the Northern Citrus Belt "by the greed of landowners," is the way the case is stated by the disappointed ones of that section. That may have had something to do with it, men and brethren, but we fancy that the enterprise, and the climatic charms of Los Angeles, had more.

HEAVY snows and savage weather, with the thermometer 36 degrees below zero, is the report from Minnesota. On a single Central Pacific train seventy-five Minnesotans arrived in California. They all do it.

AMONG the new members of the Council, Capt. A. W. Barrett is as good timber as there is in the body, albeit not so well seasoned as some of the other.

THE people of the city may congratulate themselves that Dr. Hiram Simsbach has returned to the Council as a member. He is *bueno*.

MR. PRESIDENT HUMPHREYS of the Council stands up in his place and proclaims himself "agin" mud. So say we all! "Let it be recorded!"

Six inches of snow in the valley and several feet on the surrounding cliffs and mountain tops, are reported from the Yosemite.

AMUSEMENTS.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—*Love and Loyalty*, a melodrama in four acts, was presented for the first time before a Los Angeles audience last night by Milton Nobles and company. The play is some better than the general run of its class, and is given in a very satisfactory manner. It has numerous strong points, and furnishes abundant opportunity for the display of the peculiar talents of the principal performers. The "Felix O'Pat," the New York lawyer, as portrayed by Mr. Nobles, was a very clever piece of character acting, as was also the "Rita" of Mrs. Nobles. The support was fair throughout, only Louis F. Howard as "Corti," the Italian organ-grinder, being deserving of special mention. There was only a mere suggestion of the discovery, as there is no doubt that a little further depth should be found to supply the towns of Fairview and Santa Ana. The Fairview company was boring for artesian water, but has all along had great hopes of finding natural gas, and today they struck both in large quantities, so much so that by touching a match the water as it flows from the pipe it will burn.

"MONTE CRISTO"—James O'Neill will begin an engagement at the opera-house on Monday, December 19th, in his great success, *Monte Cristo*, now in its fifth year, and which today is as popular as at its first presentation. Mr. O'Neill has made a national reputation by his masterly portrayal of the character. The play will be presented in its entirety, with new and appropriate scenery.

THE CAMPANINI CONCERTS.—The sale of seats for the Campanini concerts at Armory Hall on the 30th and 31st insts., opens at Bartlett's music store tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. The high class of the entertainment will insure a full attendance. It is seldom that concerts of this kind are given outside the largest cities, a fact which should be appreciated by our music-loving citizens.

MEN AND WOMEN OF THE STATE.

Edgar W. Briggs has been selected as the representative of Oakland in Los Angeles. He will arrive here in a few days.

The estate of the late Winford Higgins of Oakland has been officially appraised at \$842.

Thomas B. Dibble of Santa Barbara is visiting San Francisco.

William Bosworth died in San Francisco on Tuesday of congestion of the lungs. He was 68 years old, and had been a resident of San Francisco since 1850. For many years he was a trustee of the Savings Union Bank and of the First Presbyterian Church.

A. S. Hallidie has been appointed commissioner of California to the French Exposition.

NEWS BY SPECIALS.

Editor Irish Sallies Forth on the Warpath.

Zach Montgomery and D. M. Delmas the Objects of His Attack.

A Castile Letter for Attorney General Garland to Ponder.

Santa Ana Excited Over a Big Strike of Natural Gas at Fairview—San Diego Chinamen Nabbed for Illegal Fishing—The Freight Blockade.

By Telegram to The Times.

SANTA ANA, Dec. 15.—[Special.] Another controversy has originated out of the Benson land fraud cases. D. M. Delmas and Zach Montgomery have recently been appointed by Attorney-General Garland to assist United States District Attorney Carey in the prosecution of Benson and others implicated with him. Whether Carey and his friends feel nettled at Garland's apparent want of confidence in him or because Delmas and Montgomery are really improper persons to assist Carey in these cases is not yet clear. Certain it is that John P. Irish, editor of the Alta California, in a letter to Attorney-General Garland, thought necessary to write in a manner most uncompromising and denunciatory concerning the Government appointments. The following are some of the passages: "He (Montgomery) knew that Delmas never won other than minor cases in this State. I will not say that Montgomery knew that Delmas was not a lawyer, but superior to the ordinary lawyer. He was the standing jest and laughing stock of the California bar for his dense ignorance of law and its principles, as well as of the ethics and good manners which belong to the practice and its practitioners. Leaving his malice and his ignorance aside, I submit to your judgment and to your sense of fair treatment the question of the propriety of passing over the whole bar of this State to select the very viper of the profession in full knowledge of his relation to the judges and to the District Attorney. The effect of this appointment upon the politics of our State will be disastrous. Delmas was the author of the Stockton platform that lost us the State in 1884. Gov. Stone man pitched him into prominence in time to cost us hard money and the success of the party then, and you have lifted him from obscurity again in time to repeat the performance in 1888. Why we should be cursed with Montgomery, and Delmas is a mystery inscrutable. 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A Big Republican Gathering in New York.

Vigorous Exposure of Election Frauds in the South.

Mrs. Robinson, the Poisoner, Makes an Ingenious Defense.

A Great-Granddaughter of Calhoun Comes a Witness in a Washington Theater—Death of Gov. Bodwell of Maine—A Plan for a Bank.

By Telegram to The Times.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—[By the Associated Press.] The First National Republican Club Convention was called to order at 11 o'clock. About twelve hundred delegates from nearly all the States and Territories in the Union were present.

James P. Foster, President of the Republican Club of New York, welcomed the delegates. After a long contest, the convention chose Hon. Dana J. Ryan of Ohio temporary Chairman, by a vote of 130 to 154, over Gen. Nathan Gott of West Virginia.

Judge Ryan, on taking the chair at the convention of the Republican Club, said: "We are here today to reorganize the clubs into permanent organizations. We are here to keep the Republican party and not any one man. We are here on a most important business occasion. Believing we must get down to business at once, I shall now ask your attention."

A number of secretaries were then chosen, and a vice-president for each State selected. This was slow work, and at its conclusion, the convention adjourned until tomorrow morning.

SOUTHERN RAILROAD FRAUDS.

This evening the clubs held a public meeting in Cooper Union. J. P. Lynch, the colored orator of Mississippi, said he was here to speak on the suppression of the colored vote in the South.

"By form of law," he said, "Cleveland is President, but morally he is not. He is right there in the White House, but he is not the man who has the right to the throne of Great Britain. Cleveland could not more get the election of Mississippi, Louisiana, and South Carolina than he could those of Pennsylvania, Vermont and Ohio."

"There are twenty thousand more colored men than white in Mississippi. Not less than one-third of the whites vote the Republican ticket, and no more than one-third of the blacks vote the Democratic ticket. Yet the State is always surely Democratic. They go through the forms of election down there, but as soon as the Democratic conventions are over the polls are closed. Sometimes there is difficulty in getting Democrats to falsify returns. When frustrated in this way they sometimes resort to violence. These frauds are perpetrated mainly because the general sentiment of the country tolerates them. Until the people of the North get their eyes open these things will continue in the South."

The speaker's idea of a remedy was to reduce the representation of the Southern States. Then if the colored men could not be represented they would have the satisfaction of knowing that their vote was not going to the enemy. Congressmen represent the colored men who are virtually disfranchised.

CLEVELAND'S GAULETTE.

Speaker Noyes of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, after commenting on the address of Mr. Lynch, said: "The tariff is of small importance compared with the question of human rights. Cleveland has thrown a gauntlet into the arena that the Republicans will quickly pick up. The President issued a proclamation that had in it the platform of the party, and a citizen across the water criticised it [great cheering], and it spread over the world. It was not here that we were to designate a candidate, but he thought events had designated who the next candidate would be."

A letter read from John S. Wise of Virginia did not speak hopefully of the Virginia Republic.

Hon. John D. Alzetti of Pennsylvania dwelt principally upon the tariff. He attributed the surplus and nearly all other ills to internal revenue.

HER DEFENSE.

Mrs. Robinson Says Dr. Beers Poisoned Her Son.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—[By the Associated Press.] In the trial of Mrs. Robinson for the murder of her son Willie today, her attorney admitted that the boy had died from poisoning, but denied that it was administered by her. He declared that Dr. Beers gave Willie medicine on the day before he was taken sick, at his place of business.

Charles H. Robinson, son of the prisoner, testified that Dr. Beers gave him a lot of powder for Lillie, his sister, and that he gave Willie some white pills. The witness refused to take them when requested to do so by Beers.

Mrs. Robinson then took the stand. She said that Willie had been her husband Dr. Beers' \$500 and had the latter for a note for it. She said she never at any time administered the drug to her son, and did not know his appearance or properties.

ROBBED THE BANK.

How a Book-keeper Embezzled Over \$50,000.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—[By the Associated Press.] Joseph Knight, book-keeper of the Manufacturers' National Bank, was taken before United States Commissioner Edwards this afternoon, charged with stealing from the funds of the bank between \$50,000 and \$70,000. It is said that Knight has been appropriating to his own use the bank's money for nearly twenty-five years.

Mr. Knight was book-keeper of the Manufacturers' National Bank for thirty-five years and has always been considered a trustworthy man. John W. Maffey, president of the bank, said that he first discovered that the books were being falsified on the 9th of this month, the balance sheet not coming out correctly within \$25,000.

SENSATION IN A THEATER.

A Young Lady Descendant of Calhoun Becomes Violently Insane.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—[By the Associated Press.] During the performance of Article 47, Clara Morris, at the Grand Opera-house tonight, Annie Horton, a great-granddaughter of John C. Calhoun, an employee in the Postoffice Department, became violently insane during the scene in which "Cora" is shot by "George Duhamel." Five or six years ago Miss Horton fired several shots at George Morgan, a son of Senator Morgan of Alabama, and it is thought that the scene on the stage recalled the affair so vividly as to unbalance her mind.

TO BE REORGANIZED.

A New Deal in the Houston and Texas Central Road.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—[By the Associated Press.] At a meeting of the general mortgage bondholders of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company today there were nearly \$2,000,000 of bonds represented. A committee of the bondholders submitted an agreement entered into by the committee on the part of the bondholders with the Southern Pacific for the purpose of effecting a reorganization. By unanimous vote the agreement was ratified. It embraces a plan of reorganization by which all existing mortgages, with the possible exception of those upon the Waco and Northwestern division, are to be foreclosed and a new company organized, which shall acquire all the property and franchises

of the present railway system, and then, after some time, to be sold to the public. The new company will be run fifty years from July 1, 1927, five per cent, interest is guaranteed by the Southern Pacific Company. A syndicate will be formed, if necessary, for the purpose of facilitating the conversion of the outstanding bonds and carrying out the plan of reorganization.

GOV. BODWELL.

Sudden Death of the Governor of Maine.

HALLOWELL (Me.), Dec. 15.—[By the Associated Press.] Gov. Bodwell died this morning. Death was caused by congestion of the lungs, brought on by exposure and overwork. Gov. Bodwell's death was very sudden and unexpected, as it was believed that he was on the road to recovery. He had slept during the night. Shortly after 5 o'clock this morning he awoke and asked his nephew to put him in his chair. It was no sooner done than he expired. S. S. Magistrate, President of the Senate, is Chief Magistrate of the State.

"CHINA'S SORROW."

Appalling Loss of Life Caused by Floods—Thousands of Natives Drowned and Thousands More Starving.

By Telegram to The Times.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—[By the Associated Press.] The steamship City of Sydney arrived this afternoon from Hong Kong and Yokohama. The Chinese papers give details of the disaster occasioned by the Yellow River overflowing its banks in the province of Honan, and describe it as one of the most appalling occurrences in loss of life and property recorded in recent times. Thomas Paton, one of the American missionaries, writing from Honan province, under date of October 28th, says:

"The newly-gathered crops, houses and trees are all swept away, involving fearful loss of life. The country was covered with fine winter grain, which is gone, and implies complete destruction of next year's crop. The river broke its banks on September 28th, southwest of the city of Ching Chow, and not only completely inundated that city, but also ten other populous cities. The whole area is now a raging sea. This sea is ten to thirty feet deep where it was a densely populated and rich plain. The former bed of the Yellow River is now dry, and the present lake was the bed of the river centuries ago. The loss of life is incalculable, and the statement is made by missionaries that millions of Chinese are homeless and starving."

Bread is the cry of thousands who are on the river banks. The benevolent got in boats and throw bread among the masses here and there, but it is nothing compared with the requirements. The mass of people is still being increased by continual arrivals, who are even more hungry than the last. They sit, stunned, hungry and dejected, without a rag to wear or morsel to eat. Mat huts are being erected for them to the west of this, but what their condition will be in a short time no one can tell."

Yellow River has long been known as "China's sorrow," and the present disaster has served to reassert its right to the terrible title. As yet details of the disaster are very meager. It has occurred in a district where but few missionaries are, and the reports furnished by officials and published in the Pekin Gazette convey a very inadequate idea of the extent of the loss of life and property, and the suffering of the survivors. The government in Honan reports to the throne:

"Nearly all the people have been drowned in the district reached by the water, the survivors being those who escaped to high ground or took refuge in trees, where they remained till they were rescued."

NINE HUNDRED VILLAGES DESTROYED.

This gives but little impression as to the extent of the disaster. The Chinese Times states that in the province of Pochili, where disastrous inundations have also occurred, there are 200,000 people homeless, representing those whose lives were saved out of fully 900 villages destroyed. The paper says that the misery in that province is trifling, compared with that caused by the Hoang Ho Yellow River.

The extent swept over by the overwhelming floods, given in English figures, is over 7000 square miles, and thus submerged formed part of one of the most densely populated places in Northern China. The necessity for liberal aid may therefore be imagined. Already considerable sums have been contributed toward the relief of the sufferers.

AID FOR THE STARVING.

The Emperor of China has given \$500,000 taels, and the Chinese have started a subscription list in Shanghai, to which foreigners have liberally contributed. Millions have been rendered homeless and entirely deprived of all chances of earning a livelihood, for their fields will either be a permanent lake or an uninhabitable swamp. It is feared that the distress which will be felt during the coming winter will equal in intensity the famine ten years ago, when charitable donations contributed from all parts of the world were utterly inadequate. It is stated that owing to the action taken by the Yellow River it no longer flows toward the sea, but seems content in converting Eastern Honan and Northern Kiangsu into a lake. It may ultimately flow into the sea from Kiangsu, or it may even possibly join the Yangtze-Kiang River.

BRIEF'S.

There will be a meeting of Acacia Chapter No. 21, O.E.S., tomorrow evening. It will not be a special meeting.

Garratt, one of the railroadmen who was so badly injured on the gravel train smashing into the passenger train yesterday, was slightly injured yesterday evening.

The value presumed to have been stolen, and which was left in the waiting-room at the Santa Fe depot, still remains unclaimed, and is in the hands of the baggage-agent.

John G. Young, a restaurant cook, called at the police station yesterday morning, and said he was making a drink in a saloon, when a couple of special police officers knocked him down and attempted to rob him.

Prisoner Meredith was notified yesterday of the sudden death of an old Frenchman, a cook, near the Cienega, three or four miles below town. An inquest will be held and it is supposed that he died of heart disease.

S. C. Sawyer, a young man, came to this State from Maine a week ago and took up his home in Lordsburg. It was soon learned that he was a raving maniac. He was lodged in the County Jail yesterday afternoon, and will be examined by a commission tomorrow.

Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Wray has arrived with her celebrated wax figures, and will exhibit them for the first time at the entertainment given by Frank Bartlett Relief Corps at Armony Hall, Saturday evening, December 17th.

Prof. Winn C. Stone furnishes music for the dance, and Mrs. Jarley will participate. During the evening there will be some grand military tableaux presented.

Slightly Frightened.

A lively runaway occurred near the new Southern Pacific depot yesterday morning, and was cleverly stopped by a boy about 15 or 16 years of age. A Chinaman, the owner of the rig, rewarded the boy manfully in the sum of 50 cents, and then drove rapidly away from the vicinity, fearing the police would take him in for violating the hitching ordinance.

The Weather.

LOS ANGELES SIGNAL OFFICE, Dec. 15.—At 4:37 a.m. today the thermometer registered 47; at 10:07 p.m., 64; at 7:07 p.m., 54. Barometer for corresponding periods, 30.35, 30.33, 30.14. Maximum temperature, 66. Minimum temperature, 44. Weather, fair.

THE OLD WORLD.

Russia Gives an Official Explanation.

Of Her Recent Military Manoeuvres on the Frontier.

The Czar Professes to Be Acting Only on the Defensive.

The New French Ministry Seem to Favorable.

Vote in the Chamber—The German Crown Prince's Condition Hopeful—Other Old World News.

By Telegram to The Times.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 15.—[By Cable and Associated Press.] The official Military Gazette says: "Owing to the alarm raised by the Austrian press, in consequence of the transfer of some Russian cavalry to the Warsaw district, it is advisable to consider the military position of Russia and her western-frontier neighbors in order to throw light upon the question. Who is really preparing for attack and defense?"

After enumerating in detail the increase in effectiveness of the German and Austrian armies during the past five years, it says: "All these preparations are meaningless except in view of the offensive tactics, which show that Austria, under the semblance of defense, is at the same time preparing to invade Russia simultaneously with her ally. But what is Russia doing in view of her neighbors' threatening preparations? Notwithstanding the manifest danger, Russia considers that a European war would be a terrible misfortune to all mankind. She is who, amid her neighbors' feverish armament, did not increase, but decreased, her defensive forces. The peace effective force of the Russian army is 75,000 less than in 1881, while her neighbors, in the same period, have raised theirs in the same amount. The most effective measure against the danger would be the extension of the Russian railway system to the frontiers. The transfer of a few cavalry regiments on the Volga might be made a pretext to excite the press to charge Russia with warlike intentions, but Russian military authorities understand the defensive character of this measure. They can calculate how many corps Russia will have to send to the frontier while peace is undisturbed, so that after a concentration at any given point the forces and means at her disposal will suffice to place Russia on an equality with her opponents. Russia has an undoubted right to provide for her defense."

VIENNA, Dec. 15.—The article which appeared in the St. Petersburg Military Gazette today on the military movements of Russia and her neighbors has excited great attention here. In official circles the opinion is expressed that the article will cause no change in the attitude of Austria. The Government, before taking any active or responsive measures of defense, will wait to see whether Russia continues her threatening military preparations.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—It is reported that the article in the St. Petersburg Military Gazette today on the Russian military movement was written at the Czar's command, by Gen. Karapetkin of the grand general staff. The article has created a bad impression throughout Europe.

FOREIGN NOTES.

The French Cabinet Announces the Government's Programme.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—[By Cable and Associated Press.] The declaration of the Ministers was read in the Chamber of Deputies today. It declares that the Cabinet's sole ambition is to continue the work of reconstruction begun on December 3d. The declaration cites the military, financial, economic, administrative and social measures that the government will submit, and demands the united Republican vote upon the ministerial scheme of military legislation.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The Deputies, by vote of 221 to 18, passed the appropriation asked by the Government.

THE CROWN PRINCE.

SAN REMO, Dec. 15.—Drs. Schrauder, Krauss and Howell have issued a bulletin concerning the condition of the Crown Prince, in which they say that during the last few weeks inflammatory symptoms in the larynx have entirely disappeared. The surface itself appears to be partly elevated and partly covered with a flat growth, which has a tendency to increase. The patient's general condition is undisturbed.

SAN REMO, Dec. 15.—After examining the Crown Prince's throat today, Dr. Mackenzie declared that he found no dangerous symptoms.

TROUBLE BREWING.

DUBLIN, Dec. 15.—The Board of Guardians of Kildystad has resolved to grant the use of the board room for a meeting of the National League in defiance of the police authorities. The meeting will be held with locked doors.

A TRAITOR'S PUNISHMENT.

LEIPZIG, Dec. 15.—The Public Prosecutor has asked that Calannes, the official who revealed the contents of official documents to France, be sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment and fined 1000 marks.

THEATER MANAGER SENTENCED.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Carvalho, manager of the Opera Comique, was sentenced today to six months' imprisonment and to pay 1,000 to the various sufferers.

She Would Make No Lemon Pies.

(Arkansas Traveler.) Mrs. Saunders, a recently-married lady of Austin, Tex., has no practical knowledge of cooking, but she bought a cook-book and made an earnest effort to overcome her deficiencies.

"I wish you would make a lemon pie for dinner. My mother used to make such nice lemon pies," said Mr. Saunders one day.

"Well, if you want any lemon pies you can get your mother to make them for you; I'll not do it," she replied warmly.

"Why, I am surprised to hear you talk that way."

"I don't care if you are surprised. I'm not going to burn myself up for nobody. I was reading the recipe in the cook book yesterday, and it winds up, 'Then sit on a hot stove and stir constantly.' I expect almost anybody would stir constantly while sitting on a hot stove, but I'm not going to make any experiments. Catch me sitting on a hot stove!"

To Cure Blight.

A reliable farmer, writing to an agricultural journal, says if you bore a quarter of an inch hole into the heart of a tree that is infected with insects, and inject as much dry, common sulphur as possible, then insert a short plug to keep the sulphur in place. It will cure blight, make the tree strong and healthy, and in no way injure it. This is a very valuable boon to fruit growers.

Hotel Del Coronado.

One of the features of the great Hotel del Coronado, San Diego, that will be sure to attract attention will be the floors of the main corridor and music-rooms. These grand apartments are to be paved with onyx. The material is to be quarried from a mountain near Colton, and when completed, it is safe to say there will be no more beautiful flooring in any building in the United States, if in the world.

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